

To the Honorable Member,

Please, I ask you, do not accept the bills substituted for HB 4518, HB 4594 & HB 4596; the H1 AMENDMENTS. These changes will potentially cost the state hundreds of millions of dollars and not serve any beneficial purpose. You may be aware that in Roper v Simmons the US Supreme Court overturned the use of capital punishment on the basis of studies which show that the brains of youth under the age of 25 have not developed to full accountability. Why then, would you exclude 18 year old youth, from inclusion in the provisions of this bill? Please reconsider and choose accordingly.

Thank you,
Kathleen Franks